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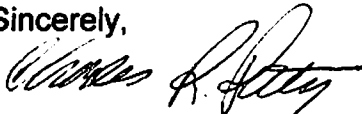
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Dear Commission Members:

You have recently received a letter from Mr. Dave Hedditch regarding his personal feelings about the EA for the Ravalli County (Hamilton) airport and his reasons for selection of proposal 4. I totally agree with his feelings and would add my name to the list of community members who also favor this proposal. As you know, the decision you must make has safety as the foremost issue for bringing this airport up to 2009 standards-nothing less than proposal 4 makes this happen for today's and the next generation's needs. It also allows more options for future development of hangar construction, gravel acquisition and future county building space requirements that at this time are unknown. Contrary to public expressions in the press, Option 4 does not intend to meet category C or D airplane needs for this airport. This has never been considered in the 20 year airport plan, though on many occasions has been deliberately and mistakenly used by the ICAARE group to arouse public sentiment against airport matters. There are many reasons to select Option 4-nothing less would accomplish the best monetary value and get the best of safety needs at the same time.

I trust that your close scrutiny of the information you receive from pilots and other informed airport concerned citizens, will lead you to make a favorable decision in selecting Option 4 as the way to procede. It is quite unlikely that the the same opportunity to get such FAA funding for this airport, will ever arise in the future. This airport has been, and is indeed, a vital part of Ravalli County in so many ways. I remind you that this has occured with no general tax revenues being levied to county residents-the airport has been sustained from FAA funding and other monies generated from aviation related sources.

Sincerely,



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